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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

1. DISMANTLING OF OAS SANCTIONS, AND RECIPROCAL MOVES BETWEEN THE U.S. AND CUBA ARE WELCOMED BY GOJ. INDEED, THEY ARE CONSIDERED LONG OVERDUE RECTIFICATIONS OF A MISGUIDED USG POLICY TO CUBA.

2. A NEW PANAMA CANAL TREATY IS ASSUMED AND EXPECTED BY THE GOJ. ITS CONCLUSION WILL EVOKE NO APPLAUSE FOR THE USG. A BREAKDOWN IN THE TREATY NEGOTIATIONS, HOWEVER, WOULD HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON OUR RELATIONS WITH JAMAICA. IT WOULD BE INTERPRETED AS A CONTINUED DENIAL OF "THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA TO EXERCISE THEIR LEGITIMATE SOVEREIGNTY OVER ALL OF THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES." (JOINT CUBAN-JAMAICAN COMMUNIQUE, JULY 13, 1975.) JAMAICA WOULD NOT TAKE THE LEAD IN CONDEMNING THE USG, BUT WOULD BE A WILLING MEMBER OF A CRITICAL CLAQUE LED BY THE LATINOS.

3. "A FAILURE TO GET THE OPEC EXCLUSION FROM GSP IN THE TRA REMOVED " POTENTIALLY IS THE MOST CONTENTIOUS AND DISRUPTIVE OF THE THIRD COUNTRY ISSUES LISTED IN REFTEL. THE PRODUCER ASSOCIATION IS AT THE HEART OF THE GOJ'S THIRD WORLD STRATEGY TO ACHIEVE THE NIEO. IT IS THE
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INSTRUMENT THROUGH WHICH THE LDC'S HOPE TO CONDUCT A

DIALOGUE WITH THE DC'S ON A BASIS OF EQUAL STRENGTH.
DISCRIMINATORY ACTION AGAINST OPEC, WHICH IS THE PROTO-
TYPE OF THE PRODUCER ASSOCIATION AND MODEL FOR IBA,
WILL BE TAKEN BY THE GOJ AS A USG DECISION TO PURSUE
A POLICY OF CONFRONTATION WITH THE LDC'S.

4. PM MANLEY'S STATEMENT ON THIS POINT TO THE COMMON-
WEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING IN MAY, IS WORTH
REPEATING. "THE CHOICES THAT FACE US ARE THESE; PRO-
DUCER ASSOCIATION CAN EITHER BECOME THE INSTRUMENT
THROUGH WHICH PRODUCING NATIONS CONDUCT A RATIONAL
DIALOGUE WITH CONSUMERS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A NEW
ECONOMIC ORDER; OR, FOR WANT OF DIALOGUE, THEY WILL
BECOME INCREASINGLY THE INSTRUMENTS THROUGH WHICH THE
THIRD WORLD TAKES SUCH UNILATERAL ACTION AS IS
DEMANDED BY THE POWERS OF SURVIVAL AND EQUITY. THE
CHOICE, THEREFORE, IS INEVITABLY BETWEEN DIALOGUE AND
CONFRONTATION."
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